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## NEW FIRE DIRECTOR APPOINTED

PORTLAND, October 19--James C. Bates, supervisor of the Clearwater National Forest in Idaho, will be the new director of Aviation and Fire Management for the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Region.

Regional Forester Jim Torrence announced that Bates will succeed David Jay who has moved to the Pacific Southwest Region at San Francisco as deputy regional forester.

Bates, a native of Los Angeles, earned a forestry degree from the University of California at Berkeley, and joined the Forest Service on the Eldorado National Forest, California, in 1958. He left the same year for two years of Army duty and returned to the Eldorado in 1960.

Over the next 23 years, Bates served on five other National Forests in California, including five years as fire staff officer on the Los Padres National Forest. He was appointed Clearwater National Forest supervisor in 1983, with headquarters in Orofino, Idaho.

Bates and his wife have three grown children in California. He will assume his new job on October 25.

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